

# **Huntington Beach**

## **Southeast Area Committee**

### **July 20, 2010**

**Attendance:** Mayor Pro Tem Jill Hardy, Chair; Council Member Joe Carchio,  
Council Member Devin Dwyer

**City Staff:** Todd Broussard, Dave Dominguez, Shari Freidenrich, Kellee Fritzal,  
Scott Hess, Ricky Ramos, Bill Reardon, Doris Powell

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

#### **1. Public Comments**

Tim Geddes updated members that the web site he mentioned at the City Council Meeting is up and running. Public can use the web site to get information on City Council candidates.

#### **2. AES**

Chair Hardy moved the AES item up on the agenda at the request of Shari Freidenrich. Freidenrich reported that the assessed value of the AES plant has dropped. She handed out a memo listing the assessed value of the facility over the last six fiscal years. She is working with Economic Development on a possible appeal of future tax assessments. Members of the public asked questions about how the facility is assessed and Freidenrich gave background on how the body that assesses the plant has changed from the county to the state in recent years.

#### **3. Poseidon Project**

Ricky Ramos announced that part of the 45 day comment period for the SEIR is over and that 40 letters were received. The consultant will be responding to the letters. The Marine Biology section of the SEIR is in a 45 day comment period that ends August 2. The SEIR is scheduled to go to the City Council in September. Public comments and questions were:

- The financial stability of Poseidon and the City's responsibility to review the company's financials
- The Public Works/Road work that Poseidon will be required to do and the possibility that it would not be finished if Poseidon goes bankrupt
- The lack of time for the public to respond to the SEIR considering the complexities of the document
- The City's lack of response when a request was made to extend the review period

- Environmental impacts of the proposed project on the environment; the many noxious uses in the Southeast Area;
- The validity of the Planning Department hiring the EIR firm and reviewing the document
- Poseidon's ability to meet with city staff and City Council's and the public's lack of access to Planning and Poseidon

Chair Hardy, Council Members:

- Council Members discussed the process for extending the timeframe for review of the SEIR
- Staff's role
- Council contact with Poseidon and residents
- What financials could be considered by the City

Council Members requested that staff set up a tour of the Dana Point Desalination Plant for the City Council.

#### **4. Ascon Landfill Project**

Bill Reardon reported that DTSC has issued a start work notice for the Interim Removal Measure. Workers have begun staging on property. It is anticipated the contractors will begin work the week of July 26, 2010. Fire Department is monitoring the project and did a site tour last week. Public asked questions about who is in charge of monitoring the work (DTCS) and what will happen if there are emissions. Chief Reardon responded that the Department of Toxic Substances Control is the lead agency and HB Fire is monitoring. Onsite monitoring of air quality is being measured and if any levels are above allowable levels, work will come to a stop.

A question was asked about weed removal on the interior of the site and potential danger posed if these weeds were to catch fire. Chief Reardon said he would look into it.

#### **5. Park Projects**

Dave Dominguez reported that the City has grant funding to begin the first phase of the Edison Park project. Bids go out in October and begin work in September. Project will be completed in four months. The first phase includes parking lot, three sports fields, and a drop off area by the picnic shelters. City is perusing grant funds to complete phases II & III.

#### **6. Major Development Projects-**

Doris Powell reported progress on development projects: Beach and Atlanta Shopping center remodel; Pacific Shores Development (formerly Blue Canvas); and a permit to remove tanks at tank farm south of Ascon.

## **7. Capital Improvement Projects**

Todd Broussard not present at time of report. Doris Powell mentioned that the Newland Street Widening and Newland/Hamilton Traffic Signal are now complete. Public asked if more work will be done on the bridge and sidewalk near PCH and if City has done a traffic study of Newland Street. A member of Public Works Commission, Jack Kirkorn, was present and responded that the bridge and shoulder are not City property and staff must ask CalTrans and County to complete work. Staff will report back at next meeting about traffic study.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

## **Adjournment to September 21, 2010.**

Lower Level Room B-8.